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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

10 EUGENE GOLDSMITH,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 AARGON COLLECTION AGENCY (aka
14 AARGON AGENCY, INC.); and
ATTORNEY ARMAND FRIED,

15 Defendants.
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CASE NO.: 2:16-cv-02066-GMN-NJK

INTERIM STATUS REPORT

**SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH
LOCAL RULE 26.3**

17 Plaintiffs EUGENE GOLDSMITH et al., and Defendants AARGON COLLECTION
18 AGENCY (aka AARGON AGENCY, INC. ("Aargon") and ATTORNEY ARMAND FRIED
19 ("Fried") (collectively, the "Parties"), by and through their respective counsel, hereby submit this
Interim Status Report pursuant to LR 26-3.

20 Defendants have filed motions to dismiss in eight of the 19 cases to date:

- 21 1. *Landeros v. Aargon*– Filed 3/16/17
- 22 2. *Smith v. Aargon* - Filed 3/17/17
- 23 3. *Chatman v. Aargon* - Filed 3/20/17
- 24 4. *Pili v. Aargon* - Filed 3/20/17
- 25 5. *Jackson v. Aargon* – Filed 5/30/17
- 26 6. *Serrata v. Aargon* – Filed 5/30/17
- 27 7. *Phillips v. Aargon*– Filed 5/30/17
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8. *Mercado v. Aargon* – Filed 5/30/17

Defendants assert these motions assert defenses that are substantially similar to defenses that could be relevant to all 19 matters. Given the pending Motions to Dismiss, the Defendants assert that any estimate of the time for trial, trial availability and viability of dispositive motions as required by LR 26-3 is premature.

The parties certify that they considered consent to trial by a magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and use of the Short Trial Program (General Order 2013-01), but they decline. The Parties have agreed to mediate this matter, and the stipulated cases before the Honorable Jackie Glass (Ret.) on February 23, 2018. The Parties have further agreed to conduct depositions of the Defendants, and Plaintiffs shortly thereafter if unable to resolve the matter at mediation.

If this matter does not resolve at mediation, Defendants will likely move for summary judgment in these matters in line with the arguments set forth in its motions to dismiss.

DATED this 29th day of January 2018.

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